



Republic of Zambia

Office for Promoting Private Power Investment
Ministry of Energy and Water Development

Kafue Gorge Lower - Hydroelectric Power Generation

Invitation for Expressions of Interest

The Ministry of Energy and Water Development of the Republic of Zambia intends to develop the country's untapped hydropower potential through Public-Private Partnerships (PPP); and has appointed IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, as its lead advisor for the development of the Kafue Gorge Lower (KGL) site as an Independent Power Producer hydroelectric project.

The Ministry is looking for private partners to finance, construct and operate a hydroelectric power plant located in the Kafue Gorge, approximately 65km upstream of the confluence of the Kafue River with the Zambezi River. KGL will be located downstream of the existing 900MW Kafue Gorge Upper hydroelectric power station, which utilizes 400m of the 600m available head at the Kafue Gorge. KGL would utilize the remaining 200m head, and would feature an installed capacity of approximately 750MW, a 120m-high dam, an underground powerhouse, and a tailrace channel discharging back to the Kafue River.

In order to initially identify interested partners for the development of KGL, expressions of interest are sought from companies and/or consortia with experience in developing large scale hydroelectric projects.

Detailed technical, legal and environmental feasibility studies are expected to be completed by March 2009. Interested partners may be requested to comment on the ongoing feasibility studies, and to contribute to the design of the project. A prequalification of project developers is planned at a later stage as part of the bidding process.

Expressions of interest, to be submitted in English, should include:

1. A description of the company's activities (max. 3 pages) during the last 10 years, including information on:
 - Participation in infrastructure projects involving a Build-Operate-Transfer or a similar private sector participation structure,
 - Details of hydroelectric plants currently in operation,
 - Experience in hydroelectric design and construction, and
 - Experience in financing large dam projects
2. Copies of the two most recent audited financial statements.

For additional information feel free to contact the addresses below. **Expressions of interest should be sent to IFC by September 19, 2008.**

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